

Top 10 Tips on Appliqué (T006-1)

Brighten up your sewing projects with appliqué. Here's ten top tips to get you started.

1. Satin Stitch is Not the Only Option for Appliqué!

In fact, unless you have separate length and width controls on your sewing machine and can produce a sleek-looking satin stitch, it is likely to look a bit untidy.



6. For the Shabby-Chic, Fringed Look, Use a Loose Weave Denim-Type Fabric

Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " – $\frac{1}{2}$ " in from the edge of your appliqué shape and pull the threads out around the edges.

2. Use One of the Decorative Stitches on your Machine to Edge Appliqués

These days, even the most basic models have a range of pre-programmed embroidery stitches.

3. Use Fusible Web when Making an Appliqué with Light and Medium Weight Fabrics

However well you pin it, without fusible web, it will shift.

4. Make a Home-Style Appliqué Using Felt and Blanket Stitch

As felt is fairly thick and tends to 'stick' of its own accord (remember 'Fuzzy Felt'?), you don't really need to stick it in place. Place a sheet of embroidery stabiliser under your base fabric and use a topstitch-style thread and a wide blanket stitch for a home-sewn effect.

5. If you're a Fan of the Frayed Edge Look, use Free-Arm Embroidery to Attach your Appliqués

Takes a bit of practice and good machine control but once you've mastered it you'll never use anything else.

7. Make a Quick Mola Appliqué Panel

Originating from the San Blas Islands in Panama, these colourful panels can take months to sew by hand but by using fusible web and machine stitching, you can run one up in no time.

8. Instead of Decorative Stitching, Edge your Appliqué Shapes with Narrow Bias Strips

Ready-made, iron on bias edging is expensive but you can make your own using heat-resistant plastic or metal press bars. Then just pin in place and sew.

9. To Make Satin-Stitch Edging Stand Out Even More, Use a Cording Foot

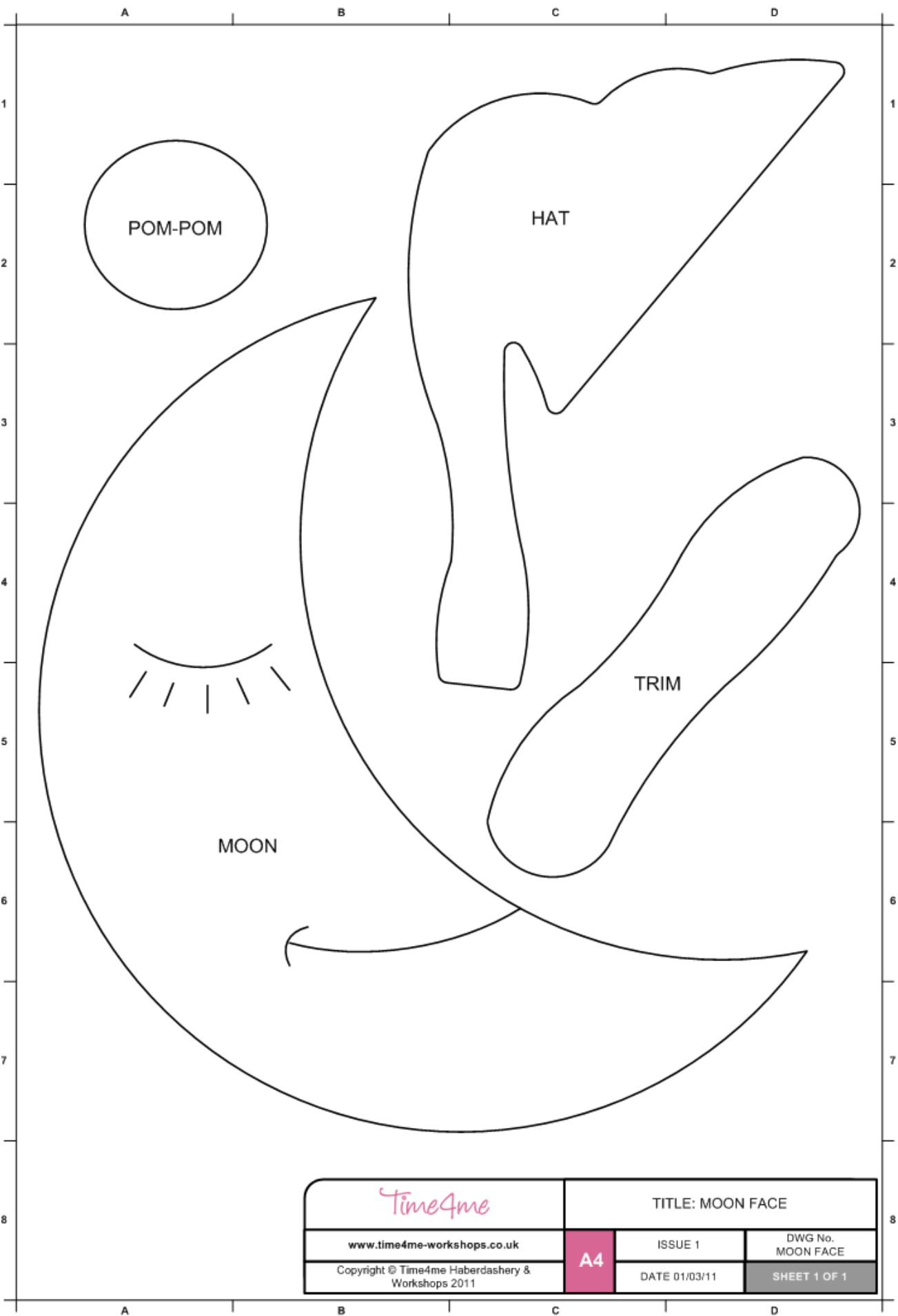
These are available for many makes of machine. Just load the foot with a thin cord and stitch as normal.

10. Try Shadow Appliqué

Trace your design onto a light top fabric. Layer a darker fabric underneath. Stitch round the design and trim away all excess dark fabric. Voilà!



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